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### AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING  
SECTION 15-341.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 3, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 15-341.02, to read:

4       15-341.02. School nurses: requirements: opt-out: publication

5       A. BEGINNING IN THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR, UNLESS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
6 GOVERNING BOARD OPTS OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION AS PRESCRIBED  
7 IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL  
8 EMPLOY ONE OR MORE REGISTERED NURSES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 32-1601 TO BE  
9 ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

10      1. FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS A STUDENT COUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED  
11 FIFTY PUPILS OR MORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ASSIGN AT LEAST ONE  
12 REGISTERED NURSE ON A FULL-TIME BASIS TO EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL SITE LOCATED  
13 IN THE DISTRICT.

14      2. FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS A STUDENT COUNT OF LESS THAN SEVEN  
15 HUNDRED FIFTY PUPILS, THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ASSIGN AT LEAST ONE  
16 REGISTERED NURSE TO SERVE ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL  
17 SITES LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

18      B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MAY OPT OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS  
19 PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION FOR A PARTICULAR SCHOOL YEAR IF  
20 THE GOVERNING BOARD DETERMINES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT  
21 RESOURCES TO COMPLY, IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CANNOT RECRUIT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS  
22 OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO FILL THE POSITIONS OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON. IF  
23 THE GOVERNING BOARD DECIDES TO OPT OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF  
24 THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL BOTH:

25       1. HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1 OF THAT SCHOOL YEAR  
26 AT WHICH TIME THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL SPECIFY THE REASONS FOR OPTING OUT OF  
27 THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

28       2. BY NOVEMBER 30 OF THAT SCHOOL YEAR, TRANSMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
29 EDUCATION A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS  
30 OPTING OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

31      C. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A LIST OF  
32 SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE AND WHETHER THEY HAVE AT LEAST ONE REGISTERED NURSE AS  
33 DEFINED IN SECTION 32-1601 THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THAT SCHOOL ON A FULL-TIME  
34 BASIS.